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The Kings Majesties speech, in the Parliament at Edinburgh the seven- teenth day of August, 1641.

My Lords and Gentlemen,



Here hath nothing been so displeasing to me as those unlucky differences which of late have happened betwixt me, and my Subjects, and nothing that I have more desired, as to see this day, wherein I hope not only to settle these unhappy mistakings, but rightly to know, and to be knowne of my native country. I need not tell you (for I think it is well known to most) what difficulties I have passed by, and overcome to be here at this time, yet this I will say, that if love to my native country, had not been a chief motive to this journey, other respects might easily have found a shift to do that by a commissioner, which I am come to perform myself. All this considered, I cannot doubt but to find such reall Testimonies of your affections, for the maintenance of that royall power which I enjoy after 108 descents, & which you have so often professed to maintaine, and to which your owne nationall oath doth oblige you, that I shall not think my pains ill bestowed. Now the end of my comming is shortly this, to perfect whatsoever I have promised, and withall to quiet those distractions which have, and may fall out amongst you, and this I mind not superficially, but fully and cheerfully to doe, for I assure you that I can do nothing with more cheerfulness then to give my people a generall satisfaction, Wherefore not offering to indeere my selfe to you in words (which indeed is not my way) I desire in the first place to settle that which concernes the religion and just liberties of this my native Country, before I proceed to any other Act.

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